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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: US ASSISTANCE

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1. DURING CALL ON U PYI SOE MAY 21 I INQUIRED AS TO HOW MATTERS
STOOD ON RENEWED DISCUSSIONS OF NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT (REF A.)
PYI SOE ASKED WHETHER I WANTED TO START WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST YEAR.
I WENT OVER POINTS CONTAINED IN REF C STRESSING THAT WE WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT GUB ITSELF THOUGHT WAS NECESSARY TO DO THE JOB.

2. PYI SOE THEN INFORMED ME THAT GUB HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT
ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY UNFDAC AND HAD SO NOTIFIED MARTENS. HE
SAID THAT UNFDAC WOULD RENDER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ALONG
LINE OF ASSISTANCE TO THAIS E. G. CROP SUBSTITUTION, ANIMAL
HUSBANDRY, TREATMENT OF ADDICTS, ETC., (SEE RANGOON 106 PARA
3). IN VIEW OF GUB' S DECISION TO ACCEPT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM
UNFDAC PYI SOE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO LOOK TO U. S.
FOR SUCH HELP BUT, AS HE HAD TOLD ME BEFORE (REF B, PARA 7),
WOULD RATHER LOOK TO U. S. FOR EQUIPMENT NEEDED IN NARCOTICS
SUPPRESSION.

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3. PYI SOE INDICATED HOWEVER, THAT GUB WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW ITS SITUATION FURTHER BEFORE HE COULD GIVE ME ANY SPECIFIC IDEAS ON WHAT BURMA' S EQUIPMENT NEEDS ARE. HE SAID HE WOULD LET ME KNOW WHEN THIS REVIEW IS COMPLETED.

4. I ASSURED PYI SOE WE WANTED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE BUT I COULD NOT GUARANTEE, OF COURSE, THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET ALL GUB' S NEEDS.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF FACT IT TOOK FROM JANUARY UNTIL THIS MONTH FOR GUB TO MAKE UP ITS MIND ABOUT ACCEPTING UN ASSISTANCE, I DO NOT ANTICIPATE AN EARLY CALL FROM PYI SOE, MOREOVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE OPPOSITION WITHIN GUB WHICH PREVENTED ACCEPTANCE OF NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT FROM USG LAST YEAR HAS DISAPPEARED. I BELIEVE THAT PYI SOE AND OTHERS WHO ADVOCATE ACCEPTANCE CAN BEST FIGHT THIS BATTLE WITHOUT ANY APPEARANCE OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE.
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